

CALL FOR AWARDING RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS WITHIN PROJECT GRANTS AND R&D INSTITUTIONS

1 (one) Research Fellowship (BI) for a PhD Student

1 Research Fellowship(s) (BI) is(are) open at the **FCiências.ID – Associação para a Investigação e Desenvolvimento de Ciências**, for the project/R&D institution “MiDiVine - Innovative Approaches Promoting Functional Microbial Diversity for a Sustainable Grapevine Health and Productivity in Vineyard Systems of Mediterranean Areas. ”, PRIMA/0010/2020”, funded by the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, I.P./MCTES through national funds (PIDDAC) under the programme H2020-PRIMA-S2-2020, under the following conditions:

- 1. Scientific Area:** Molecular Biology
- 2. Requirements for admission:** Proven experience in molecular biology.
The candidate must also have:
 - (1) A Bachelor and/ or Master degree in an area related to Biology, Biochemistry, or Pharmacy;
 - (2) Proven experience in metabolomics/ metabolic profiling;
 - (3) Experience in teamwork in the context of multidisciplinary projects;
 - (4) Good knowledge of the English language (oral and written);
 - (5) Immediate availability;
 - (6) Knowledge of statistics and R programming language.
- 3. Additional optional skills and qualifications:** (1) Experience in RNA extraction preferably plants; (2) preferably experience in qPCR; (3) preferably experience with grapevine studies
- 4. Contracting requirements:** Presentation of the academic qualifications and/or diplomas. Enrolment in PhD Program.
- 5. Work plan:** RNA extraction from grapes. qPCR of genes involved in biotic stress response. Metabolic profiling of the same samples.
- 6. Legislation framework:** Research Fellowship Holder Statute, in accordance with Law 40/2004, of 18 August, in its current version and the FCT Regulation for Research Studentships and Fellowships, in its current version (Reg. 950/2019 published in DR on 16th December: <https://dre.pt/application/file/a/127230968>, or at the FCT website: <https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.pt>), and FCiências.ID Fellowship Regulation, as approved on 12th May 2020 (available at [Regulamento de Bolsas de Investigação Científica da FCiências.ID](https://www.fct.pt/apoios/bolsas/regulamento.phtml.pt)).
- 7. Place of work:** The work will be developed at the Department of Plant Biology, Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon under the scientific supervision of Professor Ana Margarida Fortes.
- 8. Fellowship duration:** This position is initially opened for 3 months due to start in March 2023.
- 9. Monthly allowance:** The fellowship amounts to € 1144,64, according to [table values](#) of the fellowships awarded directly by the FCT, IP. The fellowship holder will have a personal accident insurance and can ensure the right to social security through adherence to the voluntary social insurance scheme, if not covered by any other social protection scheme, pursuant to *Código dos Regimes Contributivos do Sistema Previdencial de Segurança Social*. The fellowship will be paid monthly by bank transfer.

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10. **Evaluation and selection process:** Candidates will be assessed by

a) CV (70%), with the following aspects:

a1) Participation in relevant scientific projects in the area of Molecular Biology and Plant Genomics – 20%;

a2) Adequacy of the scientific background to the project – 10%;

a3) Publications, oral communications, posters - 35%;

a4) Activities of science dissemination, pedagogical and scientific knowledge sharing, namely in the context of promoting good scientific practices, organising courses, seminars and conferences with a view to dissemination in the area of Plant Biology - 5%.

b) Reference letters - 15%.

c) Motivation Letter – 15%.

If necessary, an interview will be carried out with the 3 (three) best candidates. If there is an interview, the evaluation will be as follows: CV 60%, reference letters 5%, motivation letter 15% and interview 20%.

Applicants whose application is scored with a final classification of less than 70 points are not eligible for granting a fellowship.

11. **Selection Committee:**

President of the Jury - Ana Margarida Fortes, Assistant Professor

1st Member - Anabela Silva, Assistant Professor

2nd Member - Susana Serrazina, Contract Researcher

Alternate Member - Rita Teixeira, Contract Researcher

Alternate Member - Mónica Sebastiana, Contract Researcher

12. **Publication/notification of results:** All the candidates will be notified by e-mail, sent by the call holder, with the selection meeting minutes enclosed.

13. **Deadlines:** This call for applications is open from 07/02/2023 to 20/02/2023 .

14. **Application:** Applications should be sent via e-mail to amfortes@fc.ul.pt, by attaching the following documents:

- Curriculum vitae - **CV may be provided in PDF or through the [CIÊNCIAVITAE](#) system;**
- Certificate of completion of previous degree;
- Motivation Letter;
- 2 Reference letters.

15. **Time limits for the appeal procedure:** In case of negative decision, the candidates have 10 business days, after the date of announcement of the results of the candidates evaluation, to pronounce their disagreement in accordance with the *Código do Procedimento Administrativo*. Appeals against the final decision may be submitted to the Administration Board of FCiências.ID (fciencias.id@fciencias-id.pt) within 15 business days after the notification date

Note 1: The documents that prove the entitlement of the academic qualifications and diplomas, or the proof of registration in the academic degree or diploma requested on the call, can be dismissed during the application period and replaced by a declaration on their honour from the applicant. Their delivery is mandatory for the fellowship contractualization.

Note 2: Please note that - higher education degrees and diplomas awarded by foreign higher education institutions need to be recognized by a Portuguese higher education institution, pursuant to the [Decree-Law nr. 66/2018](#) (August 16) and the [Ministerial Order nr. 33/2019](#) (January 25). The presentation of the recognition certificate is mandatory for contract signature. More information can be obtained at: <https://www.dges.gov.pt/en/pagina/degree-and-diploma-recognition>.